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Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

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Copies of the non-U.S. documents listed on Sheets 1 and 2 of Form PTO-1449, some of which were cited in the prosecution of the corresponding PCT patent applications, are enclosed. A copy of the search reports for the PCT patent applications are also enclosed.

No fee is believed to be required; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in any fees pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication and to credit any excess payment to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

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